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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

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For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS
FOR TREATING NAILS AND
ADJACENT TISSUES



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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In complete response to the Final Official Action mailed January 25, 2002, please
amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 17 and 18 without prejudice and replace claims 1, 14 and 16 as
follows:

201
1. (Twice Amended) A method for treating nails comprising applying a composition
comprising an effective, nail-enhancing amount of non-interlinked particles of bioactive glass
to the nails for a sufficient amount of time to provide that a layer of hydroxyapatite or other
calcium phosphate crystals is formed on the nail and ions from the bioactive glass penetrate
layers of the nails to form hydroxyapatite crystals within the layers of the nails.

202
14. (Twice Amended) A method for treating nails in mammals other than humans
comprising applying a composition comprising an effective, nail-enhancing amount of non-
interlinked particles of bioactive glass to the nails for a sufficient amount of time to provide